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Applicant: FOX ET AL.

Examiner: F. PRINCE

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Title: DUAL DENSITY FILTER CARTRIDGE

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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COMMUNICATION RE:
RESUBMISSION OF EXHIBITS A, C AND D

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Dear Sir:

This Communication is in reply to the Office Action dated March 17, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement of May 10, 2004 and August 9, 2004 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2). In particular, the Examiner stated that copies of Exhibits A, C, and D were not received. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants have herewith provided additional copies of Exhibits A, C, and D, and a new Form 1449 listing each of the references.

Applicants respectfully note that, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each Exhibit listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was previously provided to the U.S. Patent Office, as acknowledged by the return post card (copies of which are enclosed). As further evidence of receipt, the 4 pages of the "Renaissance Prime 10/20/30 Self-Priming Canister Filters" publication to which the Examiner refers, was submitted as part of Exhibit A; the 4 pages are again included in the enclosed copy of Exhibit A (8 pages total). Applicants' below-listed

representative has recently experienced some difficulty in submitting color copies of art; perhaps this may have contributed to the loss of all or portions of the submitted Exhibits.

Because the references were previously submitted in proper conformance with the rules, Applicants believe no fee under 37 CFR 1.97 is required for resubmission of these references. If the Examiner determines that a fee is in fact required, the Examiner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

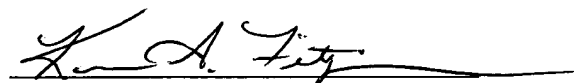
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider each of the references, and return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form 1449. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at 612.371.5340 if any further questions or concerns arise.



Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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2	U.S. Pat. No. 2,800,001
3	U.S. Pat. No. 2,800,002
4	U.S. Pat. No. 2,800,003
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106	U.S. Pat. No. 2,800,105
107	U.S. Pat. No. 2,800,106</

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
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		Exhibit A, "External Self-Priming Power Filter PRIME10," <i>hydor</i> ®, 8 pgs (Date: publicly known prior to November 7, 2001).
		Exhibit C, "Second Nature Whisper Triad Power Filters," <i>Tetra/Second nature</i> , 2 pages (1995).
		Exhibit D, "Renaissance Bravo 120/200/300 Power Filter System, Instructions and Warranty," <i>hydor</i> ®, 6 pages (Date: publicly known prior to November 7, 2001).

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EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.



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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
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- ☒ Return postcard

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- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Second Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 2 References
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$248.00 for Extra Claims Fees
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